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REMARKS

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1. During the afternoon of 20 July 1954, there was intensive flying by Il-10s at the Brandenburg-Briest airfield. In the afternoon, Il-10s flew individually and in formations of three and four. One aircraft was flying an air sleeve and followed by 4 other Il-10s. The aircraft flew the north and returned after about 35 minutes. The following aircraft were identified on aircraft involved in air activity:

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At 1640, an estimated 36 Il-10s was seen at the field, eight and 6 Il-10s coming from the south landed at the field at 1645 and 1650 respectively. Starting at 1830, at least 16 Il-10s took off in rapid succession and landed at the Brandenburg-Industriefeld airfield. On 28 July, Il-10s, including some marked by red propeller hubs and red leading edges of their rudder assemblies, practiced individual flying.

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2. On 22 July, radio truck No E 1-18-46, tank truck  trucks  which came from the direction of Briest entered the Pioneer Kaserne. At 1500, truck  which was occupied by 25 air force personnel wearing flying suits, proceeded from the direction of Brandenburg to the Briest airfield.

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3. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 30 July and 17 August:  
30 July. Between 1030 and 1300, there was intensive flying by Il-10s including 5

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1800 and 1940, formations of three and four aircraft practiced flying and occasionally low-level attacks.

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31 July. During the morning, Il-10s  practiced flying.

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3 August. An estimated 43 to 45 Il-10s were observed at the field

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from the road to Briest. At 1900, 8 Il-10s [redacted] were seen aloft.

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After 2100, there was night flying by formations of three and four aircraft.

11 August. Between 0700 and 1130, formation flights toward the southeast of about 40 minutes duration were made.

12 August. During the afternoon, 3 Il-10s [redacted] practiced individual flying. An estimated 45 Il-10s were parked at the field.

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13 August. About 1100, 20 Il-10s took off individually and subsequently assembled to two formations of 10 aircraft flying toward the southeast. After about 40 minutes, the formations still had not returned. At 1450, 10 Il-10s approached from the southeast in formation and landed individually. At 1455, 8 Il-10s took off, assembled to formation and disappeared toward the southeast.

17 August. There was night flying by individual aircraft and formations of two and three. The weather was overcast.

4. On 12 August, 10 Il-10s were parked near the flight control station. One Il-10 [redacted]

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[redacted] took off. 1

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5. On 12 August, it was learned from a German, that three buildings of the Goerden Landesanstalt (insane hospital) which had been used as Soviet quarters had been vacated and released to the hospital. The soldiers previously occupying these buildings had moved to newly constructed brick buildings at the Briest airfield. The buildings along the street were still used as officers quarters by this unit and were surrounded by a board fence. The main gate to the Landesanstalt was only to be used by Soviet personnel. An entrance to the hospital was established at the northwestern corner of the installation. Just south of the two westernmost buildings occupied by the Soviets some lean-to roofs under which motor vehicles were parked had been constructed. Truck [redacted] and radio truck [redacted] entered the installation.

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1. Comment. The ground attack regiment stationed at Brandenburg-Briest airfield is equipped with about 60 Il-10s [redacted]. The aircraft [redacted] belong to the ground attack regiment stationed at Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield. Recent information received from both airfields indicates a close cooperation between the two regiments. The present report indicates that the ground attack regiment participated in exercises, possibly with components of the First Gds Wozz Army in the Riesa-Muehlberg area, in mid-August.

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2. Comment. Motor vehicle [redacted] are reported for the first time. [redacted] belongs to the 9th Gds Tank Div; it was possibly misidentified. [redacted] were previously observed at Brandenburg-Industriehafen.

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3. Comment. The planned vacating of the Goerden Landesanstalt was reported previously. For sketch of the installation, furnished by source III, see Annex.

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

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Layout Sketch of the Goerden Landesanstalt

Legend.

- 1 Newly constructed road to the hospital
  - 2 Brick buildings occupied by an air force unit
  - 3 Newly erected motor vehicle sheds
  - 4 Civilian hospitals
  - 5 Brick buildings vacated by the Soviets
  - 6 Civilian houses
  - 7 Vollzugsanstalt Brandenburg
  - 8 Streetcar stop
-  Road block with sentry at the entrance to the Soviet occupied area
-  Fence around the Soviet-occupied area of the Landesanstalt

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